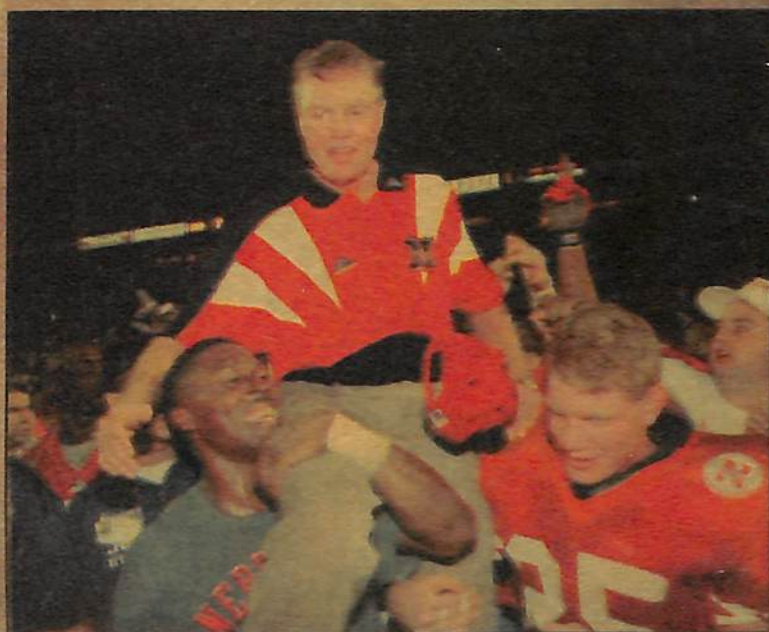
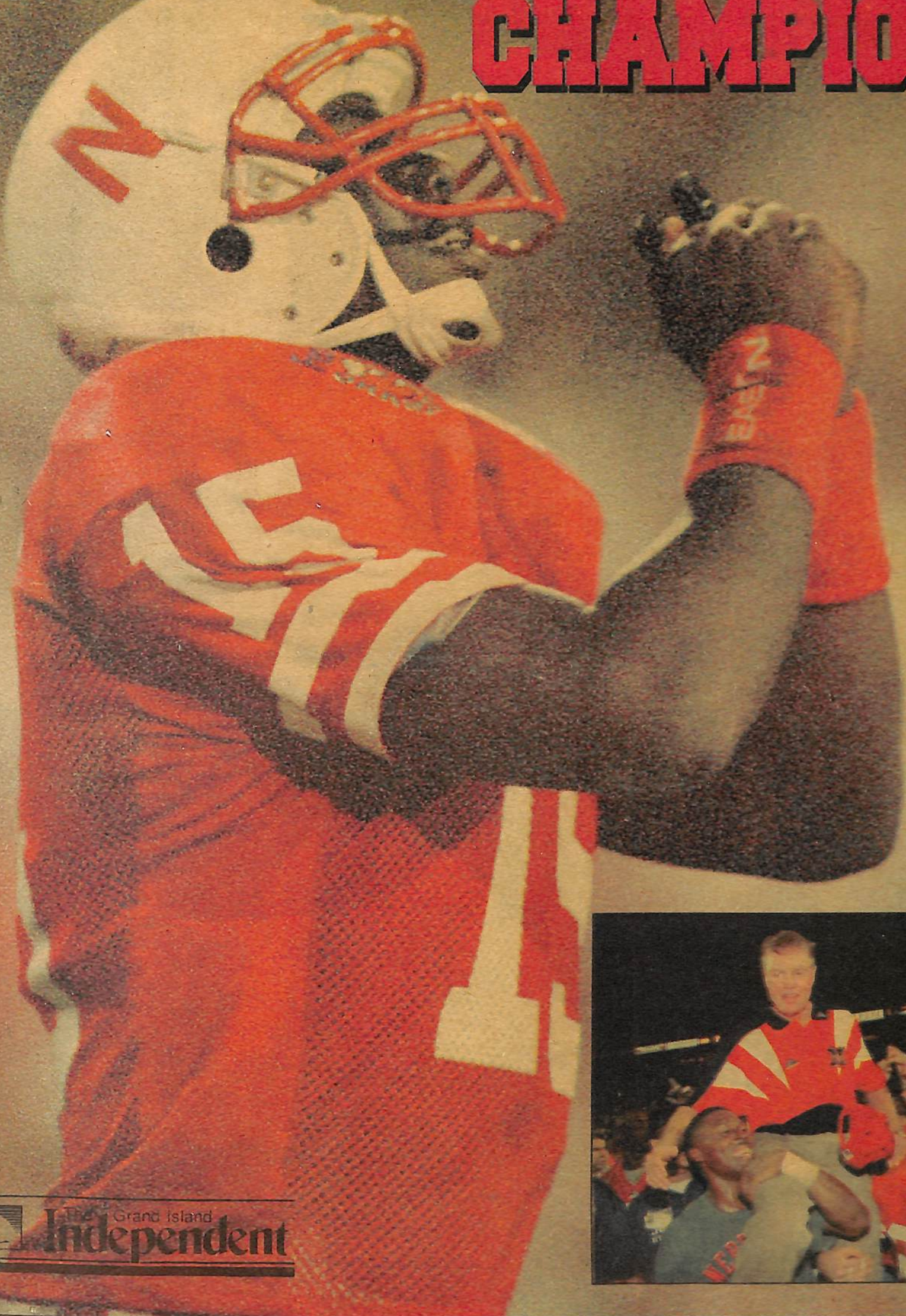


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Husker fullback Cory Schlesinger dives into the end zone with the game-winning touchdown.

NU's Osborne takes home first national championship

By Bob Hamar
The Independent

MIAMI — It took 22 years, but Nebraska coach Tom Osborne finally got a national title.

The Cornhuskers battled back from an eight-point fourth quarter deficit to defeat Miami 24-17 in the Orange Bowl before a stadium-record 81,753 fans.

The win gave the Huskers their first national crown since 1971.

Both the Associated Press and CNN/USA Today coaches poll put the 13-0 Huskers on top.

"I think national championships are great," Osborne said. "But I told (Penn State coach) Joe Paterno I'm not going to lobby for it. If they give it to us, we will be grateful and certainly take it home."

"To beat Miami in Miami is certainly very difficult to do. It was a total deal — offense, defense and the kicking game."

The Huskers rallied behind quarterback Tommie Frazier who started the game before giving way to Brook Berringer on the game's third series.

Frazier re-entered the game early in the fourth quarter. On Nebraska's second series in that quarter, Lawrence Phillips went 25 yards to the Miami 25, then fullback Cory Schlesinger scored on a 10-yard fullback trap play.

Frazier then hit tight end Eric Alford for a 2-point conversion to tie the game at 17.

After the Nebraska defense forced Miami to punt, Frazier led the Huskers on a seven-play, 58-yard drive. Schlesinger took it over from 14 yards out for what proved to be the winning touchdown.

Frazier won the Orange Bowl MVP award for the second straight year. He said the atmosphere in

Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and ranking in the previous poll:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Nebraska (51 1/2)	13-0-0	1,539	1
2. Penn St. (10 1/2)	12-0-0	1,497	2
3. Colorado	11-1-0	1,410	4
4. Florida St.	10-1-1	1,320	7
5. Alabama	12-1-0	1,312	6
6. Miami	10-2-0	1,249	3
7. Florida	10-2-1	1,153	5
8. Texas A&M	10-0-1	1,117	8
9. Auburn	9-1-1	1,110	9
10. Utah	10-2-0	955	14
11. Oregon	9-4-0	810	12
12. Michigan	8-4-0	732	20
13. Southern Cal	8-3-1	691	21
14. Ohio St.	9-4-0	672	13
15. Virginia	9-3-0	648	18
16. Colorado St.	10-2-0	630	10
17. N. Carolina St.	9-3-0	511	23
18. Brigham Young	10-3-0	500	22
19. Kansas St.	9-3-0	496	11
20. Arizona	8-4-0	364	15
21. Washington St.	8-4-0	344	24
22. Tennessee	8-4-0	303	—
23. Boston College	7-4-1	236	—
24. Mississippi St.	8-4-0	160	16
25. Texas	8-4-0	90	—

Others receiving votes: Virginia Tech 75, North Carolina 65, Wisconsin 54, Illinois 45, Washington 41, Duke 9, Syracuse 7, Air Force 2, South Carolina 2.

CNN/USA Today

The final USA TODAY-CNN football coaches' poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, record, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Nebraska (54)	13-0-0	1,542	1
2. Penn State (8)	12-0-0	1,496	2
3. Colorado	11-1-0	1,382	5
4. Alabama	12-1-0	1,344	6
5. Florida State	10-1-1	1,329	7
6. Miami	10-2-0	1,229	3
7. Florida	10-2-1	1,186	4
8. Utah	10-2-0	1,029	12
9. Ohio State	9-4-0	842	11
10. Brigham Young	10-3-0	832	19
11. Oregon	9-4-0	831	9
12. Michigan	8-4-0	787	18
13. Virginia	9-3-0	765	16
14. Colorado St.	10-2-0	681	10
15. Southern Cal	8-3-1	670	22
16. Kansas St.	9-3-0	661	8
17. N. Carolina St.	9-3-0	626	20
18. Tennessee	8-4-0	520	24
19. Washington St.	8-4-0	449	23
20. Arizona	8-4-0	405	13
21. North Carolina	8-4-0	313	14
22. Boston College	7-4-1	304	25
23. Texas	8-4-0	244	—
24. Virginia Tech	8-4-0	189	15
25. Mississippi St.	8-4-0	158	17

Others receiving votes: Wisconsin 109, Illinois 92, Duke 60, South Carolina 22, Syracuse 20, Air Force 19, Iowa 7, Bowling Green 4, West Virginia 2, Texas Christian 1.

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— Nebraska coach
Tom Osborne



I take my hat off to Brook. He played well. But when it was time to go to me, I was happy to get the job done.

— Nebraska quarterback
Tommie Frazier



Running wild

Huskers power
by Red Raiders

GAME TWO



NEBRASKA 42, TEXAS TECH 16

Nebraska 7 7 14 14-42
Texas Tech 0 3 6 7-16
Nebraska — Frazier 58 run (Sieler kick)
Nebraska — Frazier 3 run (Sieler kick)
Texas Tech — FG Davis 49
Texas Tech — Aylor 6 pass from Lethridge
(conversion failed)
Nebraska — Phillips 2 run (Sieler kick)
Nebraska — Phillips 56 run (Sieler kick)
Nebraska — Alford 35 pass from Frazier (Sieler kick)
Texas Tech — Kaufman fumble recovery in end zone (Davis kick)
Nebraska — Childs 30 run (Sieler kick)
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First downs	26	17
Rushes-yards	63-524	42-147
Passing	88	150
Return Yards	5	7
Comp-Att-Int	5-17-1	11-29-1
Punts	3-47	8-41
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-44	4-30
Time of Possession	33:50	26:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Nebraska: Phillips 19-175, Schlesinger 6-84, Frazier 13-84, Childs 10-59, Benning 7-45, Schuster 2-37, Makovicka 5-25, Berringer 1-15. Texas Tech: Lethridge 6-62, Crain 15-46, Hanspard 12-27, Darden 7-4, Hobbs 1-7, Walker 1-1.

PASSING—Nebraska: Frazier 5-15-0-88, Berringer 0-2-1-0. Texas Tech: Darden 3-10-0-64, Lethridge 5-14-1-46, Cavazos 3-5-0-40.

RECEIVING—Nebraska: Phillips 3-39, Alford 1-35, Baul 1-14. Texas Tech: Scovell 4-74, Mitchell 3-24, DuBuc 2-31, Lavender 1-15, Aylor 1-6.

Nebraska quarterback
Tommie Frazier (15)
ran for two touch-
downs and threw for
another.

By Jean Pagel
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas — Nebraska coach Tom Osborne wasn't as impressed as 42 points and more than 500 yards rushing might indicate.

"We're very mortal," Osborne said after the Cornhuskers' 42-16 thrashing of Texas Tech on Thursday night. "We're a good football team, but we've got a long way to go. And we've got a lot of things to prove."

No. 1 Nebraska took a 14-0 lead and then let the Red Raiders close the gap to 14-9 in the third quarter before regaining control.

Quarterback Tommie Frazier ran for two touchdowns and threw for another as Nebraska (2-0) extended its regular-season winning streak to 15. The Cornhuskers amassed 524 yards rushing.

"We just ran the ball. Old traditional Nebraska football — run it down their throat," Frazier said.

Nebraska hadn't played since routing West Virginia 31-0 in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 28. Osborne thought some rustiness showed.

"We played good football but we didn't play inspired football," he said. "I think the layoff took a little edge off. Probably we weren't as sharp as we should have been."

It was defense that kept Tech within reach of Nebraska until midway through the third quarter. The unit, led by linebacker Zach Thomas, sacked Frazier once and had four tackles for losses.

But Tech allowed Lawrence Phillips to score two TDs in the third period and run for 175 yards as the Cornhuskers pulled away.

"I don't know if I've ever seen a team that stronger and better prepared," Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said. "It was really disheartening to be in there for awhile and then lose it."

"We played good at times and then the next quarter you don't know what happens," Thomas said. "I think we lost our poise a little bit and didn't play like we can for 60 minutes."

Frazier, who ran for 84 yards and threw for 88, gave Nebraska a 7-0 lead just 2:01 into the game when he sprinted 58 yards down the sideline, then made it 14-0 by going the last three yards of a 98-yard drive early in the second quarter.

Tech's first pass completion of the game, with 12:22 left in the half, was a big one, a 43-yarder from Tony Darden to split end Field Scovell that set up a 49-yard field goal by Jon Davis.

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— Nebraska coach
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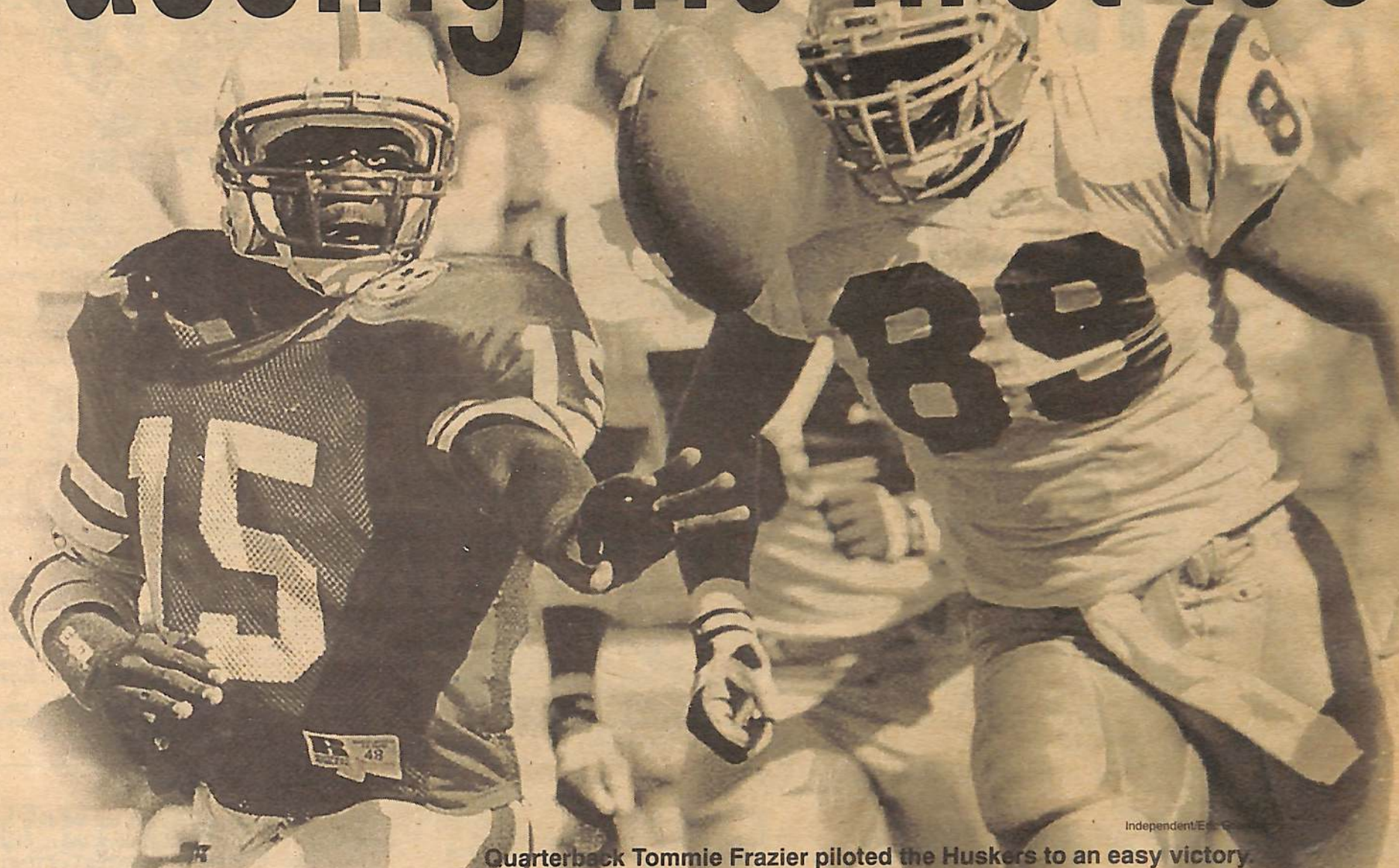


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Passing the first test



Quarterback Tommie Frazier piloted the Huskers to an easy victory.

Nebraska answers critics in beating Bruins

LINCOLN (AP) — Last year, there were questions on both sides. This year, Nebraska had all the answers.

Tommie Frazier ran for one touchdown and threw for two as No. 2 Nebraska ran away from No. 13 UCLA 49-21, a far cry from its 14-13 victory over the Bruins a year ago at Pasadena, Calif.

"I think they did more talking than they did preparing for us," Frazier said. All week long in the paper they were saying we were lucky to win last year. I think we were the better team last year and the better team this year."

Frazier did enough himself to convince UCLA.

"I made the comment before the game that I thought Tommie Frazier was in an elite class of athletes in college football,"

UCLA coach Terry Donahue said. "After having played him this year on Astroturf, I probably feel stronger about my belief than before the game. He's a Michael Jordan-type player that just makes such a difference in a game."

Lawrence Phillips, who came into Nebraska's running back picture with a 137-yard game against UCLA a year ago, had 178 yards on 19 carries. He ran a yard for a touchdown and his 60-yard gallop set up another.

Nebraska (3-0) managed only 208 yards rushing against UCLA last year but had 234 yards on the ground by halftime this year. The nation's rushing leader, averaging 446 per game, totaled 484 yards on the

Turn to: UCLA, Page 5-C

LINCOLN — Tommie Frazier throws for two touchdowns and runs for another. Lawrence Phillips has a career day, running for 178 yards and scoring once. But who was standing next to ABC's Lynn Swann at the end of the Nebraska's 49-21 victory over UCLA?

Not Frazier.

Not Phillips.

It was Zach Wiegert. All 6-foot-5, 300 pounds of him.

"Lynn Swann came up to me and said he needed to talk to me. He told me I was the player of the game," said Wiegert, Nebraska's senior offensive tackle and Outland Trophy candidate. "I was shocked. I never thought I played that good of a game."

A matter of opinion.

Jeff
Korbelik



Every time Frazier stepped back to pass, big No. 72 was fending off another Bruin defender. Every time Phillips took off on a counter sweep, there was the big guy leading the way.

The media even told Wiegert that the fleet-footed Phillips had trouble staying with him. Wiegert laughed.

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Tommie Frazier



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— Nebraska offensive tackle
Zach Wiegert



Sooners slow down NU offense

By Kevin Schuster

The Independent

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma can run. It can also play good special teams.

But this year, the Sooners have not been known for their defense.

That is, until the regular season finale.

Oklahoma stopped Nebraska's high-power offense in the first half. However, the Huskers made the big plays in the second 30 minutes to fight past the Sooners 13-3 Friday at Owen Field.

"I'm not extremely happy with the way we played in the first half," Nebraska quarterback Brook Berringer said. "In the second half, we played a lot better. That says a lot about our team."

Oklahoma gave up 29 points in its one-point season-opening victory over Syracuse Sept. 3. Then, the Sooners surrendered 36 points in a loss at Texas A&M and 45 at Colorado four games later.

Kansas State outgunned Oklahoma 37-20 with a big second half in late October.

But Nebraska found the points scarce and hard to get.

"The big part that gave our offense trouble was that they had some pretty good boys up front," Nebraska wingback Abdul

Frazier not needed in Husker win

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Tommie Frazier could have played quarterback for Nebraska against Oklahoma, but coach Tom Osborne said he never came close to needing him.

Frazier hasn't played since Sept. 24 against Pacific. He has been out since then because of a blood clot in his leg, but returned to practice Nov. 15.

The Nebraska offense struggled most of the day in a 13-3 victory over Oklahoma, although Osborne said that wasn't the fault of quarterback Brook Berringer.

"He was doing a good job," Osborne said. "We told the doctors we wouldn't put Tommie in there unless Brook went down or something really catastrophic happened, so I would have felt real bad if we would have put Tommie in there and something would have happened to him."

"It was a little quick, frankly, to have him here. But it was nice insurance just to have him on the sideline."

Osborne said Frazier, who was taken off blood thinner medication earlier this week, will begin taking it again immediately.

"He'll be on that three or four weeks and then hopefully before the Orange Bowl they will take him off and he will be available again. But he needs more practice time. He just hasn't had many snaps."

Muhammad said. "They played man-to-man defense, and we were not able to connect on some plays. Later on, we connected on some passes."

Berringer, who was 4 of 11 with 23 yards passing in the first half, heated up in the

second half. The junior missed only one pass in the second half to finish 9 of 17 for 83 yards.

His favorite target was Muhammad. He caught a 24-yard pass to set up the game's only touchdown, which Berringer scored

on a one-yard sneak.

"Their defense played a lot better early," Berringer said. "We simply weren't executing. We played a lot better in the second half. I could see downfield better. Our offensive line really stepped it up."

So did Berringer. He was 4 for 4 passing with 81 yards on the 10-play, 82-yard touchdown drive. Plus, each completion went for a first down.

Berringer's arm made up for the poor rushing attack. Nebraska produced only 136 yards on the ground. Sophomore sensation Lawrence Phillips was kept below 100 yards for the first time this season. He ended up with 21 carries for 50 yards.

"It's important to establish the run," Berringer said. "You have to do that before you can throw the ball. We did not establish the run throughout the first half. In the second half, we came out with the option run and broke it open a little bit."

Nebraska didn't run very well. They threw effectively. But the Huskers made big plays even better.

"A game like this comes down to a few good plays," Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs said. "And Nebraska is the one who made those plays."

NU Blackshirts ensure shot at title

By Kevin Schuster

The Independent

NORMAN, Okla. — Last year, the Oklahoma offense struggled against the bigger, faster Nebraska defense.

The Sooners scored on their opening possession at Lincoln in '93, but they didn't put any more points on the board during a 21-7 loss.

This year, it was the same old story. Not only for Oklahoma's offense, but Nebraska, as well.

The two teams combined for one touchdown and under 500 yards in total offense during the Huskers 13-3 win in Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs' last game at Owen Field.

"I was real proud of our defense," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "I thought they carried the day. I felt the strongest part of Oklahoma's football team was their defense, and that concerned me coming into the game. In light of what has

gone on here this week, I predicted Oklahoma would play very well, and I do not believe we missed on our prediction."

However, the Sooners (6-5 overall, 4-3 in the Big Eight) didn't play well enough to keep No. 1 Nebraska (12-0, 7-0 in the conference) from its fourth straight Big Eight title and trip to the Orange Bowl New Year's night.

The two teams struggled to a 3-3 half-time tie. Nebraska used a Tom Sieler 26-yard field goal and Brook Berringer one-yard run to make it 13-3 with 13 minutes, 25 seconds left in the game.

And that's all the Husker Blackshirts needed. Actually, they didn't even need the touchdown.

"Before the game started, you have to go in and be confident that if they get three points on you or whatever, you have to make it hold up," Nebraska linebacker Ed Stewart said. "It's our job to stop the other team and let the offense do their job."

The offense struggled with its job. But the defense didn't.

Well, Nebraska did at times.

Oklahoma ran the ball effectively in the first half. Quarterback Garrick McGee broke loose on a 26-yard scramble, and fullback Jerald Moore ran 23 yards to the Nebraska 16 early in the second quarter.

However, the drive stalled when Scott Blanton had his 33-yard field goal attempt blocked by Barron Miles. It was Miles' fourth blocked kick of the season.

"I was free on the left side," Miles said of the block. "I just got a hand out there and blocked it."

Miles didn't block Blanton's second attempt, though. The All-Big Eight senior kicker from Norman nailed a 25-yarder to tie the game 3-3.

That was the Sooners' scoring.

Oklahoma punted on five straight possessions after the field goal. The Sooners were limited to 179 yards in total offense.

The passing game was even worse.

McGee was 6 of 18 for 71 yards. He threw two interceptions.

"It was a tough ball game today," Nebraska defensive tackle Terry Connealy said. "It took 60 minutes to get the job done. This is Oklahoma-Nebraska. Both teams could be 0-10, and it would still be a battle. We played real hard. It was a good game. If it was any different, I would have been surprised."

While Nebraska was left celebrating its fourth straight trip to Miami and eating oranges before the media after the game, Oklahoma faced another disappointment.

And the main disappointment for the Sooners was that they couldn't get a win for Gibbs in his last regular season game, despite playing their best defensive game of the season.

"I'm glad it's almost over because when you play so hard and you don't come out a winner, it's very disappointing," Oklahoma left defensive end David Campbell said.

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The time is near



Huskers face nemesis Miami for title

By Rick Warner
AP Football Writer

MIAMI — Football coaches love to say that games are won in the trenches, even though it's not always true. When they say it about the Orange Bowl, however, they're probably right.

The battle between top-ranked Nebraska's sledgehammer offensive line and No. 3 Miami's ultra-quick defensive line could very well determine the outcome on New Year's night.

"They've got the best offensive line in college football, but we're ready for the challenge," Miami defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. "All those lines they rolled over, that's not us. Nobody rolls over us."

Nebraska's mammoth offensive line opened huge holes for the nation's top rushing attack, which racked up 340 yards per game. The linemen, who average 295 pounds, have allowed only six sacks and been called for just four holding penalties.

"What separates their line from the

others is that they're all great athletes," Miami defensive coordinator Greg McMackin said. "They could make a great basketball team. They're 300-pound guys who can run."

Miami's defensive line is much smaller, averaging almost 40 pounds less per man. But the Hurricanes, who have the nation's top-rated defense, make up for it with quickness and speed.

"They're relentless," Nebraska offensive tackle Zach Wiegert said. "Against some teams, you can take a rest once in a while. But you

Turn to: Orange Bowl, Page 24-C

By Bob Hamar
The Independent

MIAMI — What Nebraska's Tommie Frazier and Brook Berringer know is that both quarterbacks will play against Miami.

"There is no clear-cut way to do this," Berringer said. "We've both practiced well and we've both played well. This is as fair as it's going to get."

In the first three games of the season, Frazier gained 243 yards rushing and ran for six touchdowns. He also completed 19 of 44 passes

and connected on four touchdown tosses. Berringer took over when Frazier went down. After suffering a collapsed lung, the junior from Goodland, Kan., came back to complete 94 of 151 passes for 1,295 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The numbers make it look like Nebraska is a better running team with Frazier and a better passing team with Berringer. But both said that isn't necessarily true.

"We both run all phases of our offense," Berringer said. "Neither one of us is going to go out and do just one thing."

"I feel confident that we both can go in and take as many snaps as we need to win a football game. That's ultimately what it boils down to. We're not concerned with who starts because we both know we're going to play."

Nebraska assistant head coach Frank Solich said both quarterbacks handle the option game well.

"Both guys run the option well, and they execute the option well," Solich said. "We always worry about that phase of the game. Nothing puts you in a second-and-15 hole like a bad pitch. Miami's not a team you want to put yourself in that kind of a situation against."

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— Miami defensive lineman
Warren Sapp

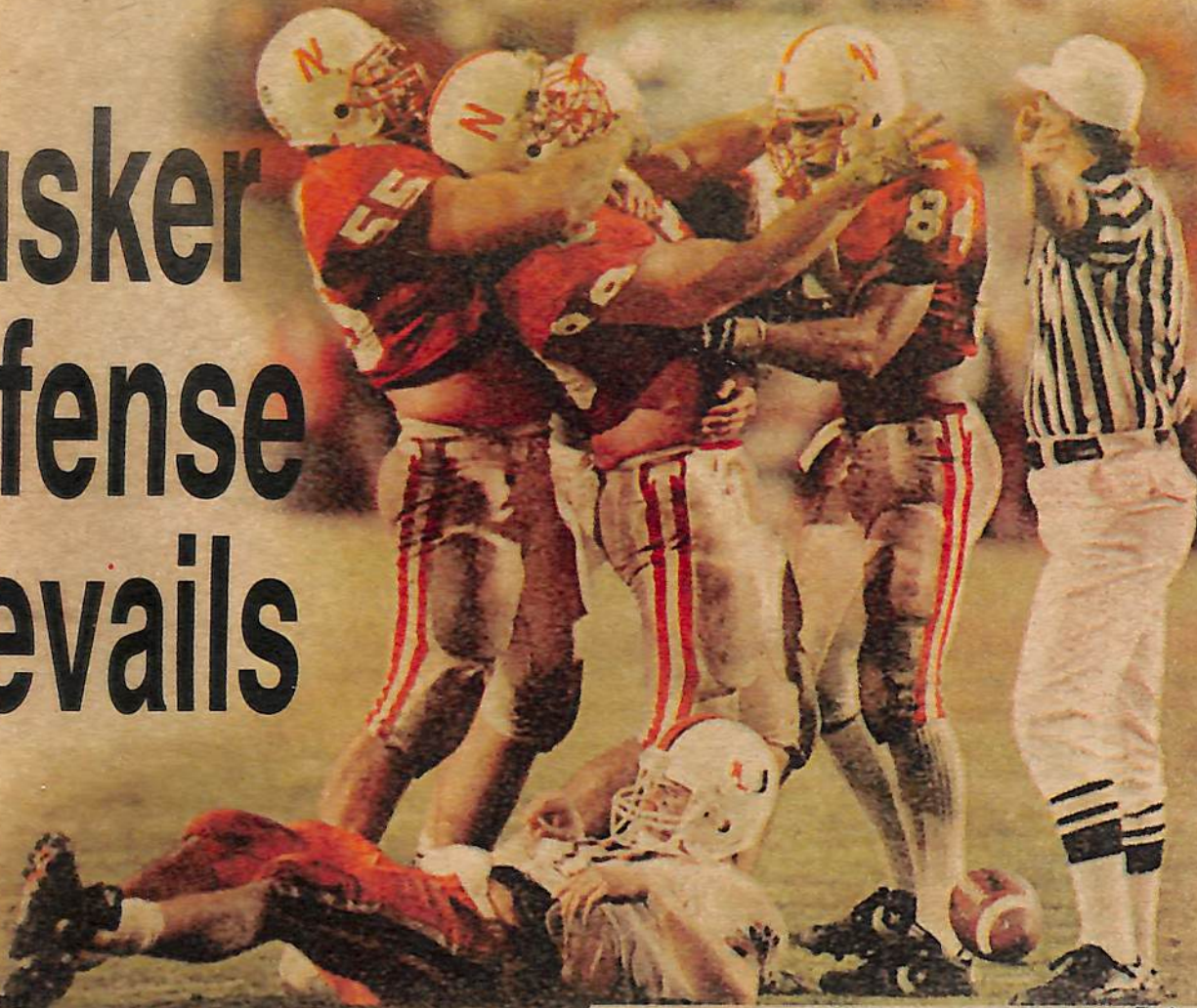


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— Nebraska quarterback
Brook Berringer



Husker defense prevails



By Mike Friedman
The Independent

MIAMI — Moments after Nebraska's 24-17 win over the Miami Hurricanes at the Orange Bowl on New Year's night, defensive tackle Christian Peter pounded his foot into the ground with a fierce relentlessness that was rivaled only by the pounding that Miami quarterback Frank Costa had taken for nearly four previous hours.

"Take that grass home and plant it in your yard!" screamed Nebraska guard Joel Wilks. "It's ours. Take it home and plant it."

Peter reached down, picked up the scarred wedge of turf, plopped it onto his head, and strutted toward the locker room.

Peter was bruised, battered and bloody.

But you should have seen the other guys.

The Cornhuskers' defense limited the highly-volatile Hurricanes to 277 total offensive yards to earn an outright national championship and the respect of a college football-following nation.

"Our defense rose to a new level in the second half," offensive tackle Rob Zatechka said. "It was amazing to watch them. They stepped it up a notch and they came back and did some great things."

Costa, who finished with a respectable 18 for 35 passing performance for 248 yards, stood in the Miami locker room looking like a beaten warrior.

Costa had red bruises on his back, gashes and lacerations on his arms and dark circles under his eyes from the constant barrage of Blackshirt pressure. The Hurricanes' senior was sacked five times and thrashed on nearly every move he took into the pocket.

"We came out here to play to the best of our ability," Nebraska cornerback Barron Miles said. "Last year we had it taken away from us. That just wasn't going to happen again."

Miles led the Huskers with nine tackles and three pass breakups.

Nebraska spotted the Hurricanes early leads of 10-0 and 17-7 on scary defensive breakdowns.

A vaunted Husker defense, ranked in the top 10 in all four of the national statistical categories, was suddenly humbled.

But coaches and players alike never wavered in their confidence of the defense, or of a positive outcome for the Huskers.

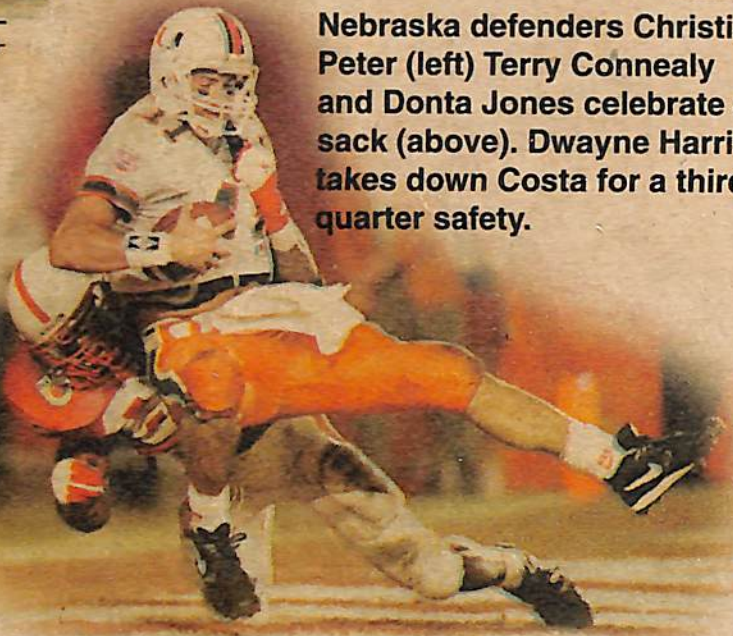
"When I went to sleep last night, I just had this feeling," Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said. "I never, ever, thought we were going to lose this game."

"I always thought that we would find a way to pull it out."

With the 'Canes leading 17-7 with just over 11 minutes to play

The Associated Press

Nebraska defenders Christian Peter (left) Terry Connealy and Donta Jones celebrate a sack (above). Dwayne Harris takes down Costa for a third-quarter safety.



in the third quarter, outside linebacker Dwayne Harris bulldogged Costa down for a safety that made it 17-9.

The Blackshirts then withstood several Nebraska turnovers, and watched with glee as the Tommie Frazier-led offense burned the 'Canes for 15 fourth quarter points.

"We knew that we would score," McBride said. "We just had to put it to them on defense. That's what happened."

Coach Tom Osborne gushed about the play of the Blackshirts.

"I'm really proud of our defense," Osborne said. "We're just pleased with everything that happened."

What happened is that the Nebraska defense did the same thing that the offense eventually was able to do — wear the Hurricanes down to the bone.

Miles said that years of frustration on the Orange Bowl turf pushed the Husker defense to dedicate themselves.

"I think that we were more physically prepared to play this game than they were," Miles said. "We were not going to be denied."

And now, thanks to a lot of heart and soul, the Blackshirt defense owns a part of that Orange Bowl turf, forever.

"It's our field, baby," Wilks screamed at Peter as he walked away. "It's our field now."

ORANGE BOWL



NEBRASKA 24, MIAMI 17

Nebraska 0 7 2 15-24
Miami 10 0 7 0-17
Miami — FG Prewitt 44, 7:06.
Miami — T. Jones 35 pass from Costa (Prewitt kick)
Nebraska — Gilman 19 pass from Berringer (Erstad kick)
Miami — J. Harris 44 pass from Costa (Prewitt kick)
Nebraska — Safety, Costa sacked by D. Harris in end zone.
Nebraska — Schlesinger 15 run (Frazier pass to Alford)
Nebraska — Schlesinger 14 run (Sieler kick)
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First downs	14	20
Rushes-yards	28-29	46-199
Passing	248	106
Return Yards	(-6)	17
Comp-Att-Int	18-35-1	11-20-2
Punts	7-40	7-41
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	11-92	3-20
Time of Possession	27:28	32:32

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Miami: J. Stewart 17-72, J. Harris 1-6, L. Jones 1-2, Ferguson 2-1, Costa 6-(minus 17), Prewitt 1-(minus 35). Nebraska: Phillips 19-96, Schlesinger 6-48, Frazier 7-31, Benning 3-18, Washington 1-9, Childs 3-1, Berringer 7-(minus 4).

PASSING—Miami: Costa 18-35-1-248. Nebraska: Frazier 3-5-1-25, Berringer 8-15-1-81.

RECEIVING—Miami: C. T. Jones 6-63, German 3-22, Tellison 2-53, Wimberly 2-18, J. Harris 1-44, T. Jones 1-35, Chambers 1-14, Ferguson 1-3, Y. Green 1-(minus 4). Nebraska: Muhammad 4-60, Phillips 4-13, Gilman 1-19, Holbein 1-7, Baul 1-7.

Title: Finally

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the Nebraska locker room was incredible.

"Everyone was very excited," he said. "Everyone was jumping around. You couldn't hear yourself think. It was something to savor for a lifetime."

The win ended a string of seven straight bowl losses for the Huskers. Osborne said the team's effort in the Orange Bowl was something that had been building since last year's 18-16 loss to Florida State.

"I thought this team had tremendous resolve," Osborne said. "We dedicated ourselves to come back and worked hard in the offseason."

"We felt if we stayed close in the fourth quarter we had a chance."

In 1970 and 1971, Bob Devaney led Nebraska to consecutive national titles. Osborne took over in 1973 and had several close calls. The closest came in the 1984 Orange Bowl when the Huskers dropped a 31-30 decision to Miami.

Nebraska could have claimed the title with a tie, but after a late touchdown, Osborne elected to go for a 2-point conversion and the win.

The Huskers had another shot last season, entering its game with Florida State unbeaten and ranked No. 1 in one of the polls.

A last-second field goal sailed wide left, giving the Seminoles an 18-16 victory and a national championship.

Ready, willing and ... able

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Tommie Frazier led Nebraska on two fourth quarter touchdown drives.

Berringer, Frazier combine for victory

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MIAMI — One could say that Tommie Frazier's wait seemed like it was never going to end.

Frazier waited patiently this season for the infamous blood clots behind his right knee to fade away.

Frazier then waited and watched while the second-half of the dynamic duo — Brook Berringer — led Nebraska back into contention against the hopped-up Miami Hurricanes on New Year's night in the Orange Bowl.

But a person like Tommie Frazier can only wait so long.

So, trailing 17-9 and watching Berringer fire an ill-advised interception into the arms of defensive back Earl Little in the Miami end zone, Nebraska coach



Berringer

Tom Osborne called on the "Bradenton Bullet."

Of course Frazier didn't disappoint.

"If I start a game, I expect to finish it," Frazier said. "I think Brook did a great job. We both stayed focused and waited for our turn."

Frazier led the Huskers on a seven-play, 40-yard drive that took only 33 seconds. Fullback Cory Schlesinger capped the drive with a 15-yard run on a trap play. Frazier then drilled a pass into the chest of tight end Eric Alford for the two-point conversion that tied the game at 17.

After the Husker defense allowed Miami just one yard on the next three plays, Frazier burned the 'Canes with a lightning-quick 25-yard option jaunt to the Miami 18.

Two plays later, Schlesinger pounded in for the winning score.

"Tommie is the man," proclaimed offensive guard Joel Wilks after the Frazier heroics. "He and Brook both did well."

Frazier, who was named the game's

MVP, said that it wasn't so much him, but the offensive front that should be honored.

"We knew that their defensive front was very tired," Frazier said. "We knew that all we had to do was pound the ball inside and they were so tired that we would be able to drive them off the ball."

Berringer relieved Frazier after the junior from Bradenton, Fla., was somewhat ineffective in the first two series of the contest.

Berringer, a junior from Goodland, Kan., then sparked the Huskers with a 19-yard scoring strike to Mark Gilman with 7:54 to go in the second quarter.

But when Berringer, who had never played a down in the Orange Bowl before that night, seemed to falter, Frazier showed the character that nearly led Nebraska to a win over heavily favored Florida State a year ago on this same field.

"He (Osborne) said whoever was performing the best would stay in the game," Frazier said. "I thought he would go to me in the fourth quarter, and that's what he

did.

"I take my hat off to Brook, he played well," Frazier said. "But when it was time to go to me, I was happy to get the job done."

Osborne believes that Frazier's speed and agility made the difference against a weary Hurricane defense.

"Tommie's really a special athlete," Osborne said. "He can make things happen and he really gave us some things in the end."

"He wasn't feeling well, he had a cold," he said. "But he is a real competitor. I was prepared to go the rest of the game with Brook, but then I thought it was time to play Tommie."

And when Frazier's wait finally came to an end, so to did the long wait of Husker fans nation-wide.

"I'd like to say thanks to everyone who was behind Nebraska all year long," Frazier said.

And they would like to thank you too, Tommie.